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Ken Shaw Inaugurated as 27th President

On September 30, Southern Adventist University held an inauguration ceremony to officially install Ken Shaw, EdD, as Southern's 27th president. Representatives from sister schools, friends of the university, faculty and staff, students, and family members joined together to seek a divine blessing on Shaw's leadership and celebrate the beginning of his tenure at Southern.

"Being at Southern Adventist University is truly an honor for me," Shaw said. "My wife, Ann, and I are so pleased to be here to serve the faculty, staff, and students, and the many important constituencies of Southern."

Held in the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists, the ceremony included an academic processional, well-wishes from sister institutions and Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership, an address by

Calendar

October

28 | Last day to drop a F21 class, "W" on transcripts

28-31 | Alumni Homecoming

29 | Last day for W22 Commitment Deposit to be refunded

30 | Southern Shuffle Race

31 | Student Association Fall Festival

November

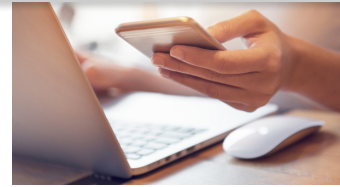
1 | Online W22 Registration for Southern Scholars/ Graduate Students

2 | Online W22 Registration for Returning Seniors >93

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<div><p>president, alumni representatives from the last eight decades marched in the processional. Shaw graduated from Southern in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He went on to earn his master's degree in mathematics from Middle Tennessee State University and doctoral degree in mathematics education from the University of Georgia.</p><p>"Today marks a new beginning for Southern Adventist University," Shaw said during his inaugural remarks. "It is a day that we need to rededicate and recommit to the ideals of this wonderful university, and to continue to listen to God's voice saying 'this is the way, walk in it.' Southern's future is bright; with our talented faculty and staff, accompanied with God's blessings, we can be the strong and reputable regional Christian university that provides students opportunities to experience a unique Christian education in order to grow their relationships with Jesus and to strengthen their character to be of service in their churches and in their communities."</p><p>Shaw challenged Southern's students and employees with 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (NKJV).</p><p>View the Presidential Inauguration Flickr album</p></div> <div><div>4 Online W22 Registration for Returning Juniors >54 hrs and Seniors</div><div>7 Daylight Savings Time Ends</div><div>7 Symphony Orchestra Concert</div><div>8 Online W22 Registration for Returning Sophomores > 23 hours, Juniors, and Seniors</div><div>10 Online W22 Registration for Returning Freshman <24 hours, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors</div><div>13 423 Night Market</div><div>15 Online W22 Registration for New/Transfer Students</div><div>21-28 Thanksgiving Break - No Classes</div></div>		

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423.236.2782

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423.236.2787

FAFSA Deadline Reminder:

Students were able to begin filling out the 2022-23 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2021, by visiting fafsa.gov. Southern's priority deadline for the FAFSA is January 31, 2022. Parents must have their own FSA ID to sign and submit the FAFSA for their dependent children. The student also must have an FSA ID. To create an FSA ID or reset a password for an existing ID, students and parents can [click here](#). The 2022-2023 FAFSA is based on tax year 2020.

Students Conduct Research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

This summer, two Southern physics majors helped conduct research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). Vola Andrianarijaona, PhD, a physics and engineering

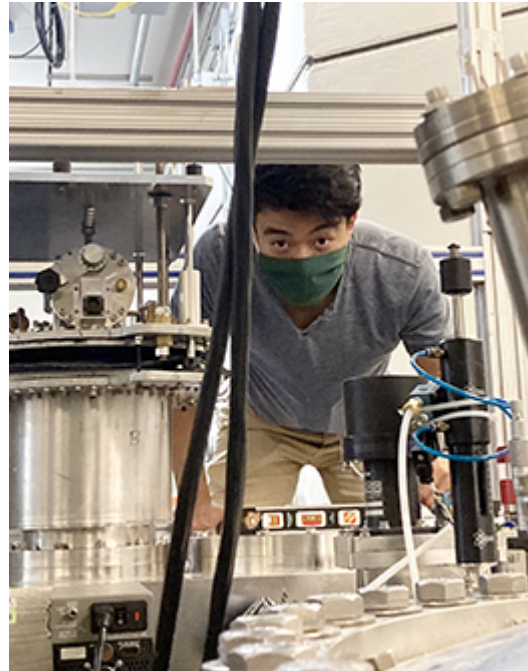
major, and Arian Dovald, junior physics major, to help with two of his research projects. Located in Eastern Tennessee, the laboratory is the largest (by size) science and energy national laboratory in the Department of Energy system. Research access is mostly reserved for those working at the doctoral level.



“This is a big deal for undergraduate students,” Andrianarijaona said. “These students will be likely to write a science poster with the research results from their own work, not just the results of someone else’s work. That’s real-life experience for the researcher.”

During their time at ORNL, the students worked on two main projects. The first involved building a specific square wave using multi-pulse generator to ensure that the ion beam would send a specific number of pulses. The second involved achieving an ultra-high vacuum environment within the merged ion beamline, checking for leaks in the system to reach desired vacuum pressure.

“The work is very engaging, requiring critical thinking and good problem solving,” Dovald said. “This is an important step toward entering the world of physics research, and it inches me closer to the graduate school of my choice.”



Suzuki had dreamed of the opportunity to work at ORNL and was thrilled to be invited by Andrianarijaona.

“This opportunity granted me valuable experience in experimental physics with many practical applications that can apply to nuclear physics,” Suzuki said. “The most important lesson that I learned from working at the lab was that in real life, problems do not have simple solutions, and that to overcome these challenges, a flexible mind is absolutely necessary.”

by Madison Reinschmidt, junior mass communication major

Connect With Students

As the new president and first lady, Ken and Ann Shaw, transition into their roles at Southern, building connections with students is one of their top priorities. They fondly remember their own days as students at Southern and were glad to have both of their children graduate from Southern as well.



“Students are the life blood of the institution,” President Shaw said. “I love meeting as many of them personally as possible, listening to their stories and how God is leading them.”

The couple has enjoyed interactions with students before and after worship services, during impromptu visits to the student center, and as they walk around campus. Additionally, President Shaw has begun a new monthly initiative called Pop with the Prez, where he hands out goodies at various locations across campus and visits with those passing by.



“I have the opportunity to give students a treat, and in return, I get to have some meaningful conversations with them,” he said.

President Shaw also enjoyed meeting many parents and students during We-Haul while he helped them move into the residence halls, as well as on the first day of school as he and

his vice presidents guided new students to their classes.

During the first few weeks of the school year, Ann Shaw determined to hand out homemade cookies to every student on campus. Over the course of several events, she distributed more than 4,000 cookies in a variety of flavors, as well as gluten free and vegan options. Additionally, she is carrying out a note-writing ministry, sending messages to students and employees who are going through rough times.

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when they are struggling is a way that I hope to make a difference in people's lives and help them know that they are important," she said. "I feel like God has blessed us, and we need to bless others."

by Stefanie Green, junior public relations major



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